

St. Anne (Stanley) C of E
Primary School

Newsletter

March 2021



A very warm welcome to our March newsletter! It has been such a delight welcoming our children and their families back to school ☺ We hope that they have enjoyed being back in school as much as we have enjoyed having them here.



A big thank you for continuing to support our staggered start and finish times and for arriving no earlier than your child's designated time in our playgrounds. It is vital that we keep on doing this in order to keep our school community and their families safe. We are still trying to limit the number of adults on our school grounds too, so again, please help us to keep our children and their families safe by ensuring that only one adult per family enters the school grounds at collection and drop off time. Unless exempt, all adults must still continue to wear a face covering too. We really do appreciate your continued support with this ☺



Our school value for this half term is **Hope**.

We will be exploring this value through our daily collective worships as well as through our day to day living.

How is your hope? Does it bounce back after being hit? Does it cause you to doubt when you lose hope in a situation? God knows that we all struggle with finding and holding onto hope. When you are facing tests of faith, even the strongest Christians can find it a challenge to find hope.

*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer."*

Romans 12:12

WORLD BOOK DAY

On the 4th March, we celebrated World Book Week at St. Anne (Stanley). It was the first time we have had to celebrate this event online, but our children, parents and staff did an amazing job of making this event as enjoyable and special as ever.

On World Book Day, children, staff (and some parents too!) dressed up as their favourite book characters, did lots of fun book-based activities and shared their favourite stories with one another too. This year, we added the 'Masked Reader' to our whole school activities and children, parents and other staff had a great time trying to guess the identities of the 'Masked Readers' posted on Twitter, throughout 'World Book Day'. We would like to thank all of our parents for their amazing support with these activities and the lovely messages posted on our school Twitter page, praising our efforts. It was a lovely week and a lovely World Book Day that we will remember for a long time. Despite all the current restrictions and difficulties we have had to negotiate, our school community still ensured it was a terrific success.

spellzoneTM
The online English spelling resource

A great big well done to Mrs Carlsen for finding a fabulous new spelling platform for us to try, 'Spellzone'. Many of the children who used this platform regularly during lockdown have made really good progress with their spellings - we're so very proud of you! A special big shout out to Ruby in Year 4K who remains top of the spelling leaderboard for the whole school!

With such good progress being made, we will obviously be continuing to use this platform in school. Don't forget to keep logging in at home too though - remember practice makes perfect ☺

Also don't forget to keep logging on at home to TTRockstars, Nubots and Reading Plus too - these really are invaluable in continuing to support your child with their learning.



Key Stage 1 and Reception children celebrated their hard work in phonics over the lockdown with a 'Fred Frog' day in school on Friday 12th March. Children across the infants came in to school wearing green (just like Fred Frog!) and had a lovely day celebrating phonics. As well as lots of phonetic activities, we also made frog headbands to wear and our school kitchen staff treated us to special green cakes too!



We hosted our annual 'Slow Down for Bobby' day on Monday 15th March. As many of you may remember, Bobby Collieran was a little boy who was knocked down and killed outside Blackmoor Park Primary School in West Derby a couple of years ago. For a £1 donation, children were invited to come in to school wearing blue. We raised an impressive £205 which will go to support the trust's work to improve road safety around schools in Liverpool. Thank you for your very kind donations and support on this matter - road safety and keeping our children safe is something that our school is very passionate about.



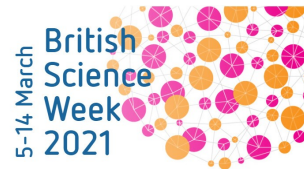
Mr Gillespie from 'Bikeability' has been into our school again to work with our Reception children on the 'Balanceability' programme. The programme is designed to help children gain the confidence and skills required to ride a pedal bike independently, getting our pupils off to the best start in cycling. The Reception children have had a lot of fun so far in our weekly lessons and are looking forward to furthering their developing skills over the next couple of weeks - keep looking out for videos, photographs and updates on our Reception Twitter page ☺



Laura from 'Yoga Bears' has been working with our Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 children for the past couple of weeks. Every Tuesday, children have been using meditation to help them to relax. They have been trying lots of new things including stretching and standing on one leg! Mrs Kenwright also reliably informs us that her class have especially enjoyed doing the 'Unicorn' pose!



Thank you to all the parents who attended our virtual coffee afternoon on Wednesday with the ASD Training Team. We're sure that you will agree that it was a really great opportunity for parents, carers and family members to get together and share experiences and advice - we hope that you found it useful ☺



The whole school enjoyed taking part in British Science week on their return to school. The theme for this year was 'Innovating the future' and our science coordinator, Miss Hodson, planned lots of exciting and interesting experiments for us to try out over the course of the week ☺ We hope you enjoyed seeing what we had been up to on our school Twitter page.

